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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK PRIORITY

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 9763

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

AMEMBASSY MANILA

CIVIL COORDINATOR REFUGEE CENTER GUAM

USMISSION GENEVA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 13325

GENEVA FOR JAMES CARLIN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:SREF, VS,

SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN DISTRESS AT SEA

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY VIETNAMESE RESIDENT IN FRANCE, MR.BUI NAM, THAT A SHIP NO,MT 764, CARRYING APPROXIMATELY 500 REPEAT 500 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IS IN DIFFICULTY IN THAI WATERS OFF SATTAHIP. OUR INFORMANT HAS A FRIEND ON SHIP WHO SENT HIM LETTER IN PARIS.

2. SHIP REPORTEDLY LEFT SAIGON ON MAY 1 AND ARRIVED OFF BANGKOK PORT MAY 6 BUT UNABLE TO LAND. SHIP MOVED TO WATERS OFF SATTAHIP ABOUT MAY 13.

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3. INDIVIDUALS ON SHIP ABLE TO PURCHASE SOME FRESH

WATER AND PROVISIONS BUT NOT REPEAT NOT ENOUGH FOR
EVERYONE ON BOARD AND SUPPLIES ARE RUNNING OUT.

4. REFUGEES ON SHIP WISH TO RESETTLE SOMEWHERE, NOT
NECESSAIRLY IN U.S., BUT CLAIM UNABLE TOLAND ANY PORT
SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THUS PLANNING VOYAGE TO GUAM DESPITE
INADEQUATE REPEAT INADEQUATE SUPPLIES

5. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL SIMILAR VERBAL THIRD-
HAND REPORTS OF REFUGEES SHIPS IN DISTRESS , BUT THIS
FIRST REPORT BY SOMEONE WHO HAD RECEIVED LETTER FORM
PERSON ON BOARD SUCH A SHIP IN THAI WATERS. ACCORDING
TO OUR INFORMANT, REFUGEES ON SHIP CONCERNED THAT
AMEMBASSY BANGKOK MIGHT NOT REPEAT NOT KNOW OF THEIR
PLIGHT. ALSO, ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, REFUGEES
DESPERATE ENOUGH TO TRY FOR GUAM WHICH COULD RESULT IN
TRAGEDT SINCE SHIP NOT SUFFICIENTLY SEAWORTHY TO MAKE
VOYAGE.

6. ALTHOUGH THIS INFORMATION IS DATED, IT MAY BE OF SOME USE
TO ADDRESSEES.

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